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SUBJ: NORTHROP PAGE AIR DEFENSE CONTRACT

REF: STATE 142654 AND TRIPOLI 714

1. LARG REACTION TO MESSAGE THAT USG HAS NO FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTION TO PAGE PROPOSAL SO FAR LIMITED TO THAT REPORTED TRIPOLI REFTEL. WE DO NOT REALLY EXPECT ANY FURTHER REACTION FROM LARG ON PAGE TRANSACTION ITSELF UNLESS CHARGE CAN EXPAND SOMEWHAT ON "NO FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTION" MESSAGE.

2. HOWEVER, AT SOME POINT MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR WILL PROBABLY ASK WHETHER DECISION ON PAGE COULD MEAN PENDING DECISIONS ON LOCKHEED QUESTIONS WILL BE FAVORABLE AND FORTHCOMING SOON. LOCKHEED MANAGER TOLD US TWO DAYS AGO LIBYAN AIR FORCE OFFICIALS HE WORKS WITH HAVE BEEN STRANGELY CONFIDENT LAST TWO WEEKS THAT THEY WOULD GET THEIR C-130'S, SPARES AND TRAINING. MANAGER ALSO OFFERED PERSONAL OPINION LOCKHEED WOULD PRESS DEPT FOR YES OR NO ANSWER THIS MONTH WHEN FINAL TWO PLANES IN ORDER WILL BE READY FOR DELIVERY.

3. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM KINNALLY THAT PAGE CONTRACT WOULD NOT BE FULLY BINDING UNTIL 4-6 WEEKS AFTER SIGNING WHEN DEPT'S APPROVAL IS FORMALIZED, LARG DEPOSITS FUNDS, ETC. IN MEANTIME HE HOPES LARG DOES NOT HAVE
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